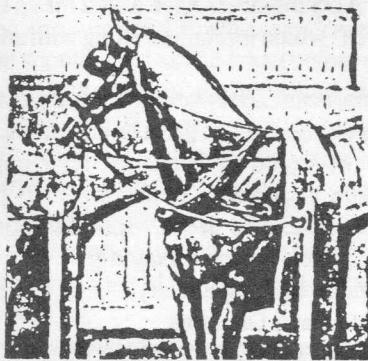


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ADS Approves Local Clinics

Clinics sponsored by local clubs, individuals or other groups can now enjoy "approved" status with the ADS. The American Driving Society wishes to encourage clinics that will:

- encourage, promote and teach safe driving practices;
- improve current driving skills;
- educate those wishing to improve their knowledge of driving and carriage history.

At the last Directors meeting held in December in Philadelphia, the Board established the process for approving clinics. Those groups or individuals wishing to host an approved clinic should contact the office for an application. The requirements are basic and simple, however they must be strictly followed in order to make the approved status meaningful.

Clinics that are granted approval must agree to the following:
to use only ADS approved clinicians
to have each participant sign a hold harmless agreement;
to list the clinic as "approved by the American Driving Society" when advertising the clinic;
to pay the required fee when making application (\$30.00);
that the organizer (either club or individual) is a current ADS member;
to make application at least 60 days prior to the clinic date.

The ADS will provide:

- liability insurance through the ADS master policy;
- mailing labels of ADS members by state;
- score forms, dressage tests or any other material available,
- membership and other promotional handout material.

Clinics may be organized in a variety of formats, including but not limited to classroom or lecture style, group instruction using horses and carriages, private instruction with horses and carriages or any combination of these. Organizers should budget to at least break even financially.

By establishing the Approved Clinic Program, the ADS will be able to maintain a complete roster of clinicians. In the past, most clinic organizers turned to the Roster of Judges and Technical Delegates for their instructors, however the ADS is well aware that many of the best instructors are not Licensed Officials. We hope that this list will be large, complete and diverse.

Please encourage those able instructors to submit their application to be an approved clinician.

Wanted: Clinicians

Become part of the newly established Clinician Roster

In order for the "Approved Clinic" program to get underway, we need all good clinicians to apply for "Approved" status. This program will replace the previously published Speakers Bureau, and will eliminate the use of the Judges' and Technical Delegates Roster as an automatic source for instructors.

The program is designed to be as simple and uncomplicated as possible for the clinician, the organizer and the ADS to put into effect and administer. The purpose of the program is to be able to offer clinics the "ADS stamp of approval" as well as the added benefit of insurance coverage. As an ADS Approved Clinician, you will have the assurance of coverage under the master liability policy while at the clinic.

Anyone who has an expertise in any driving related area is invited to join the roster. Often clubs need a speaker for their monthly program. Topics can range from "Selecting the Right Driving Horse" to "Preparing for World Championship competition". Those knowledgeable in carriage maintenance and restoration are needed as well. If you are an expert on one little thing - WE WANT YOU! We need you, the local clubs need you.

The application process is simple. You may use the enclosed form to apply. A nominal fee of \$15.00 is required for processing and will be due yearly to renew your status. In addition to your name, address, etc. you will need to list the topics you are able to discuss, teach or demonstrate. It will be necessary to list your experience as it applies to these topics. We also ask that you supply three or more letters of reference written by those who can substantiate your ability to present the topics you have listed.

The list will be maintained by the ADS office and will be published regularly in *The Whip*.

Clinic organizers will be making their plans and therefore it is extremely important to get this program rolling without delay. Please don't wait!

An Explanation of ADS Insurance Protection

A number of ADS members have asked for an explanation of the "insurance fee" which is required along with annual membership dues.

For many years, insurance coverage for competitions, officials and competitors was an issue of great importance to our membership. In 1990 the Board of Directors, after much study and research was able to secure a policy which hopefully would handle all of our insurance needs. Insured under our current general liability policy are the following:

The American Driving Society,

ADS Officers and Directors,

ADS Licensed Officials ("R" and "r"),

Competition Organizers, volunteers, landowners and competitors at all ADS Approved Competitions.

Landowners are also covered for bodily injury and property damage. The liability coverage also extends \$50,000 Fire Legal Coverage and Host Liquor Coverage. This coverage applies ONLY to ADS approved competitions and sponsored activities. The limit of the liability is \$3,000,000.

Our premium is based on the current total membership of the American Driving Society. After long consideration, the Board of Directors determined that an assessment to all members would be necessary to handle the hefty premium charged for such coverage. Rather than bury the cost with a dues increase, the Board believed that this cost should be known upfront to all members.

Many members who drive for pleasure with no desire to enter the competitive arena question these benefits. Would it not be more equitable to charge those who benefit? Licensed Officials are charged more yearly for their share of the coverage, and show fees increased in 1990 from \$30.00 to \$75.00.

Although non competitive pleasure drivers may not feel the direct benefits of this coverage, indirectly the benefits are greater than one might imagine.

Positive changes in safety, vehicle design, harness manufacture, training techniques, course design, etc. will most likely come from those who are the most active in this activity - the competitors, officials, course designers as well as the Officers and Directors of the ADS. This insurance policy will provide these people with the peace of mind to continue judging, designing, teaching, planning activities, and the fruits of their labor and success will eventually filter down and benefit all drivers.

Many of our most popular teachers and clinicians are competitors - a case in point, the Gold Medal clinic program!

We have been pleased with the positive support of the membership and hope that this coverage will never be needed!

Correction

In the recent Gold Medal Clinic announcement, the address and phone number of contact Trish Alt was incorrectly printed. The correct address is: Trish Alt, 5555 West 101st Ave., Crown Point, IN 46307, 219-663-0144. Registration material is available for this first ADS/USET Gold Medal Clinic which will be held on March 28-29 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. Although organized by the Central Region, any and all ADS members are welcome to attend and participate. Sem Groenewoud will be the instructor.

Message from the President

The included calendar indicates that 1992 is going to be another very busy year for the ADS. A quick glance at the early listings of shows and events indicates the names of many established functions, but also includes several new ones. This is very encouraging that so many groups are already planning ahead for the rapidly approaching 1992 driving season. Your Officers and Executive Director are also trying to firm up dates for clinics, conventions, board meetings etc. Hopefully in the very near future, the dates for the following year will be available for the December 1992 Whip magazine. Let's all make this a goal for 1993.

Later this year I am sure we will see an in-depth analysis of the results of the membership questionnaires! This will give your officers and directors a good idea of where YOU would like your society to go. We are all here because of a common love of the sport of driving, both for pleasure and competition. It is up to you to help us produce the type of organization you want.

In a primarily volunteer organization such as ours, your leaders, committee chairmen and members participate because they want to, certainly not for any monetary gain. We are indeed fortunate to have a pool of dedicated, talented individuals who devote many hours and dollars in the desire to meet the goals of the group. It is up to you, the members, to express your desires by letter, phone, or personal conversations, so that we can achieve those goals. Stay in touch.

T.J. Hilgenberg, President

Carriage Classic Destined to be Nation's Largest

The third annual Santa Ynez Valley Carriage Classic, scheduled for April 24-26, 1992, is destined to become the largest carriage and pleasure driving show in the nation. Sponsored by the congregation of St. Mark's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church on the Firestone Vineyard fields, over 3,000 spectators are expected to share 40 acres of green rolling hills and grapevines adjacent to the winery located just north of Santa Barbara.

The three day competition starts Friday afternoon with reinmanship and pony classes and a Champagne Presentation Pleasure Drive. This is followed by the Coachmen's Country Social Patron dinner at \$100 per person.

On Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. the competition resumes. In two areas, one for timed obstacles and the other for show, 50 classes are scheduled.

Local celebrities are on call to present the awards. Last year's presenters included actors Fess Parker, Bo Derek and Cheryl Ladd. General admission tickets are \$10 per person for all three days. Spectators can also peruse the many booths of equestrian related items while sampling regional delicacies and wines.

The Carriage Classic culminates on Sunday morning with a 16 kilometer cross country timed marathon with hazards that zig-zag through the vineyards and around the winery.

Bill Killingsworth, Brooks Firestone and Dick Robinson are once again co-chairing the Carriage Classic, an event designed to continue the traditional pastime and raise funds for St. Mark's Church in Los Olivos, CA.

For more information and participant entry forms for the 1992 Santa Ynez Valley Carriage Classic, please contact: St. Mark's Church at 805-688-4454 or Firestone Vineyard at 805-688-3940.

It's Not Too Late

Register Now for Scottsdale

If you have not yet sent in your registration for the ADS mid-winter meeting in Scottsdale, AZ, it's not too late! Hotel reservations with the Clarion Hotel at Scottsdale Mall must be made by January 28, so if you haven't done so, call now and hopefully rooms will still be available. (Phone: 602-994-9203).

Holly Pulsifer has been constantly working on the program. Those who have attended a clinic planned by Mrs. Pulsifer know that it will be a very intensive day, possibly spilling over into the Saturday afternoon session. Although perhaps not clear in the previous material, a significant portion of the program will be directed toward Pleasure Driving.

The Southwest region will be hosting a wine and cheese reception Friday evening for all attending.

In addition to the educational opportunities, these winter meetings offer time to meet and get to know others, make contacts for future shows and clinics and renew old acquaintances.

Registration material can be found in the January Newsletter. If you have lost yours, you can call the ADS office for help. For help with air and ground transportation you can call Executive Meetings/Newman International at 800-966-0088. They guarantee 5% off the lowest available fares. Transportation to and from the Clarion and the Phoenix airport is available by Super Shuttle at \$9.75 per person or by cab, averaging between \$14-\$17 per cab for the 20 minute ride.

Don't forget that Scottsdale should be sunny and warm, and offers great shopping, and golfing in the area, and heated pool, tennis courts, whirlpool spa and jogging trail right at the hotel.

RENEW NOW!

Your ADS Membership will end after this issue
if you have not paid your dues by January 20.

Notice to Competition Organizers

Results of competitions will be printed in *The Whip* magazine only if requested on the official results form.

APPLICATION FOR APPROVED CLINICIAN STATUS

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Type of clinic you are qualified to and/or wish to conduct:

- 1. Lecture/classroom
- 2. "Hands On" (lessons, demonstrations, using horses/carriages)
- 3. Other _____

Experience: (as it applies to your application to be a clinician)

Book Reviews

Driving, by His Grace, The Duke of Beaufort, K.G. with contributions by other authorities

This book is an absolute gem! If you enjoy driving and reading this is a book you should purchase and read before spring arrives. Although written in the 1880's the information contained in "Driving" is of great interest to modern whips a century later.

The Duke of Beaufort has written many of the chapters but has also chosen "other authorities" to write on subjects such as choosing a horse, tandem driving, coaching and so on. The authors are not only knowledgeable but full of humor and wit. Reading about the early days of the Tandem Club will bring forth more than a few smiles.

I heartily recommend this book also to the student of carriage history. "Modern Carriages" is a very interesting chapter recalling the gentlemen who gave their names to the Brougham, the Tilbury, the Stanhope, and many more. Carriage builders will benefit from reading the sections on the problems the 19th century builders overcame to produce the vehicles we admire so much today.

One other delightful note about "Driving" by the Duke of Beaufort - You can now purchase it for only \$30.00, (regularly \$60.00). Don't delay on this one! (Please include \$1.50 per copy for postage)

Now Available in America—

The long awaited "*Competition Vehicles: Choice, Construction, Maintenance*" by Walter Lorch.

Clear, concise, three-dimensional illustrations along with the minimum of text make this slim volume a marathon vehicle users bible. This is the book we've all been waiting for. Although technical, it is very easy to follow and understand. Of interest also are the descriptions of various well-known makes of marathon vehicles and how they vary.

This book is going to be as important as your spares kit so make sure you order soon before the competitions get under way. Supplies are limited. Price: \$30.00 plus \$1.50 per copy for postage.

Conditions of Engagement: _____

References: Applicant must supply 3 or more letters of references written by those who can substantiate applicant's abilities as a clinician.
Please enclose processing/office fee of \$15.00.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are accepted for both the newsletter and "The Whip" and are \$.50 per word, \$5.00 minimum. Deadline is the 20th of the month prior to issue for the newsletter and the 20th of the month 1-1/2 month prior to issue for the magazine.

WELSH DRIVING GELDING, 12.3, grey, combined driving experience, \$5,000.00 Dave Schwartz, 908-459-5424. (1/2)

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HACKNEY PONY - 6 year old bay mare, work and show harness, cart - replica of original hackney cart. Loves to drive, good competitor. Good home important. Reasonable offer will be considered. 919-692-5834. Robert Faith. (2/3)

FOR SALE, MATCHED PAIRS AND TEAMS, sensible Morgans bred for dressage and driving. 216-562-5689. (2/6)

ARABIANS MAKE WONDERFUL DRIVING HORSES - We have several young registered Arabians for sale. Videos and additional information on request. Windspirit Farm, 317-758-5886. (1/2)

1992 FRIESIAN HORSE CALANDARS from Holland. Beautiful color photos. \$20.00+\$5.00 postage. Midnight Valley, 2950 South Country Road 5, Fort Collins, CO 80525. (1/1)

FOR SALE: Kunhle maroon gig with lamps. Horse size, excellent condition. \$7,000.00. 603-383-6153. (1/1)

FOR SALE: PAIR CANADIAN CROSS BREDS, 12 & 13 years old, 16.2 & 16.3. Bay. Each have four white socks and

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FOR SALE: CHESTNUT PAIR OF HACKNEY HORSES. Full brother and sister, 10 & 11 yrs, 15.2 hands. Driven single, pair, as wheelers and lead team of four-in-hand. Powerful, flashy and animated. Quailhurst Farm. 503-625-7744 or 503-625-6035. (1/2)

PONY 4-IN-HAND HARNESS AND VEHICLE, \$10,000.00. Harness: Smucker's "Supreme". 12.0-13.0 hands. Vehicle: Fenix Marathon built in England in 1985, 4 disc brakes. Dave Schwartz, 908-459-5424.

Combined Driving Opinion Poll

1. Should entries which contain a driver, groom or horse which has been on course before, be placed in a separate division from "one time" entries?
2. Should sections "A", "C" and "E" be "any pace?" Which levels?
3. Should a single "start-finish" gate be used on cones courses?
4. Should cantering be introduced in some dressage tests? What levels?
5. Should event organizers and regions be free to decide for themselves if "prize money" or "championships" are appropriate or should the A.D.S. make the decision?
6. Should the A.D.S. discontinue the "800" phone number to decrease expenses? Should it be limited to event organizers only?
7. Should the A.D.S. print the membership roster every year instead of every two years?
8. Should we limit free substitution of the reserve horse at all levels or only the advanced level?
9. Are you a combined driving competitor, official, organizer, or other?

Please send a postcard, letter or fax to C.D. opinion poll, c/o Ann Pringle, ADS P.O. Box 160, Metamora, MI 48455. FAX (313) 664-2405. Add any comments you care to (or have room for), number your answers. Your name is optional



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